

We are here today to let the public and the state know that we do not allow wholesale sales and distribution of marijuana. These purported marijuana dispensaries are nothing more than pot dealers—they have abused the will of Californians who passed the Compassionate Caregiver act. The raids, arrests and cases have nothing to do with legitimately sick and dying people who look to ease their pain.

What we have here are drug dealers who are using the spirit of those very sick people to sell drugs to and make money.

You will recall that Federal Agents served search warrants a few months ago—those dispensaries were given the chance to seize and desist- they did not- in fact as you can see they have proliferated.

From those search warrants we have an opportunity to see how much of a sham these marijuana storefronts are.

When California passed prop 215 they did so believing that sick and dying people with aids and cancer should rest easy—as you can tell from the dispensary records most (97%- see blown up chart) of the “mj customers’ are not sick and dying. In addition to selling to people for almost any ailment—look at the ages of the buyers—over 70% (see blown up chart) are under 40. All of this shows that the dispensaries raids today have nothing to do with targeting those who are sick but rather to stop the wholesale distribution of marijuana under the umbrella of compassionate care.

This should serve as notice, in no uncertain terms, do not sell marijuana in our county you will be prosecuted by whatever resources we have.

(One issue may be raised by the press- where do patients get their 'medicine'- the fact is most of the people we see going to the dispensaries are not even close to being legitimate patients and those who do merit marijuana under the voter approved law—can grow their own or have a friend grow it for them.)

The law was written to confuse the issue in the hopes to use voter compassion to legalize marijuana for all not just for the sick and dying. What we see on the streets is not what voters had in mind- those who sell and deal marijuana will be prosecuted prop 215 does not afford them safe haven to deal drugs in our community.